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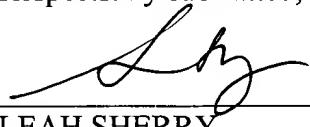
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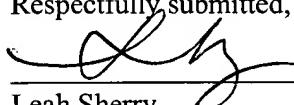
Applicants submits herewith the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 of which Applicants are aware which are believed to be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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Respecting for example reference AC, the paper entitled “Using Four-Prime RSA in Which Some of the Bits are Specified,” Applicants believe that this reference teaches away from the claimed invention. For instance, reference AC does not cover instances where the number of primes is K=3 and K>4. Reference AC merely teaches the extension of 2 prime factors to 4 prime factors for a greater modulus n . What is more, the 4 prime factors of n are not random but, rather, related through a relationship of the form $p_i=2^k f_i + a_k$. Namely, reference AC teaches a method for determining 4 related primes such that the number of bits required to represent the primes is less than the sum of their length. (See: S.A. Vanstone et al. p. 2118).

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